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Applicants: Boris Tabakoff, et al. )  
Serial No. 09/171,697 )  
National Filing Date: October 23, 1998 ) Art Unit: Unknown  
For: Compounds, Compositions and Method )  
Suitable for Amelioration of Withdrawal )  
Syndromes and Withdrawal-Induced )  
Brain Damage )  
Examiner: Unknown ) Atty. Docket No. TBK-102-US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Substitute original page 8 with attached new page 8 submitted herewith.

Substitute original page 9 with attached new page 9 submitted herewith.

Substitute original page 11 with attached new page 11 submitted herewith.

Substitute original page 12 with attached new page 12 submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once-amended) A method suitable for treating withdrawal syndromes manifested in a patient suffering withdrawal symptoms and/or withdrawal-induced brain damage which comprises administering an effective ameliorating amount of a compound having the general formula (I):

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